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Docket No.	FIS9-2003-0257-US1
Serial No.	10/605,169
Filing Date	9/12/2003
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Attached: Amendment Transmittal Letter & Amendment

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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER (Large Entity)				APR - 6 2006	
Applicant(s): Norman W. Robson, et al.				Docket No. FIS9-2003-0257-US1	
Application No. 10/605,169	Filing Date 9/12/2003	Examiner Nghia M. Doan	Customer No. 32,074	Group Art Unit 2825	Confirmation No. 2168
Invention: USING A PARTIAL METAL LEVEL MASK FOR EARLY TEST RESULTS					
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In re application of: Norman W. Robson, et al.	Date: April 6, 2006
Serial Number: 10/605,169	Examiner: Nghia M. Doan
Filed: 9/12/2003	Group Art Unit: 2825
Title: USING A PARTIAL METAL LEVEL MASK FOR EARLY TEST RESULTS.	IBM Corporation D/18G, B/321, Zip 482 2070 Route 52 Hopewell Junction, NY 12533-6531

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated January 26, 2006, the following Amendment is being submitted to place the above-identified application in *prima facie* condition for allowance.

Kindly amend the following claims and consider the Remarks that follow: